



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	<b>Andrea De Luca</b>	)	Confirmation No.	<b>9372</b>
	<b>Alfredo Poloni</b>	)		
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Serial No.:	<b>10/520,034</b>	)	Art Unit:	<b>3754</b>
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Filed:	<b>December 30, 2004</b>	)	Examiner:	<b>James F. Hook</b>
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For:	<b>LAYING PIPE</b>	)		
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby submits the following in response to the Office Action of July 19, 2006. The due date for this response will have been extended. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the claims* begin on page 2 of this paper; and

*Remarks* begin on page 3 of this paper.